

The bill has been discussed on General File, Mr. President. The...on March 29, then on April 10 committee amendments failed. Senator Chambers asked to pass the bill over on the 27th, Mr. President. I had a motion pending, Mr. President, by Senator Conway to the bill to indefinitely postpone. Senator Chambers had laid the bill over on April 10 pursuant to that motion. That motion Senator Conway wants to withdraw. Is that right, Senator?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Next motion I have to the bill, Mr. President, is by...Mr. President, the first amendment to the bill that I have is by, I believe, Senator Korshoj. Senator, this is your AM1262.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, my amendment deals with register of deeds, a very simple, straightforward amendment. It would require any county having a population of more than 20,000 to elect a register of deeds. Under the current law, a register of deeds must be elected in any county with 16,500 population. In other words, the smaller counties, the county clerk is the register of deeds, and as we approach the next census of the state, there is about five counties or six that is approaching 16,500. I talked to my county board and the county clerk and they are all in favor of this particular bill because we do not have the money to set up another elected office in our county. And I'll just give you the names of the three or four counties that are approaching 16,500. Box Butte is one that had gained a little population between 1980 and '86, Seward County, Washington County, York County. There is a few more that is in the range, Otoe County. At the hearing there was nobody that objected to this amendment at all. So I would like it amend onto this LB 588. That is my opening and closing too, I hope. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is debatable. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Korshoj did discuss this amendment with me and I have no objection to it because it has no impact on the bill itself.